

## **MINUTES**

### **BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 401 N. MORTON, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA**

#### **Roll Call**

Members Present: Robert Bent, Susan Brackney, Keith Clay, Christine Glaser, John Hamilton, George Huntington, Cairril Mills, Darryl Neher, Dave Rollo, Catherine Stafford, Toby Strout, John West

Staff Present: Danise Alano, Asst. Director of Economic Development  
Kären Sullivan, Intern, Office of the Mayor – BCOS  
Mike Steinhoff, Intern, Commission on Sustainability

#### **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

John Hamilton, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.. After a few amendments to the March meeting minutes, Dave Rollo moved to pass the minutes and Catherine Stafford seconded the motion. The minutes, with the few changes mentioned, were approved unanimously.

#### **Public Comment**

Jean from the Green Sanctuary Task Force of the Unitarian Universalist Church asked if the BCOS had input on broad policy making in the City. The chair responded that the Commission can make recommendations to policy makers but not create policy itself.

Paul Schneller pointed out that the economic indicators mentioned in the staff report are not the same as sustainability indicators and that all indicators should be looked at through the sustainability lens. Paul also asked a few questions regarding the Indiana Brownfields Conference and the Chamber of Commerce study, both of which were mentioned in the staff report.

#### **Announcements**

Keith Clay attended the DNR public forum about herbicide use in Griffy Lake.

Toby Strout announced that Middleway is submitting a grant to the USDA.

Dave Rollo announced the IU and City of Bloomington Earth Week schedule. Dave also mentioned that he learning more about Peak Oil at a national conference on energy at the University of Maryland on May 7-9. Dave continued that Mayor Kruzan is signing the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement the Friday of Earth week and the City Council passed a resolution in support of the document.

Cairril Mills reminded the Commission that the BCOS and the EC are co-sponsoring an event during Earth Week, showing the film, “The Next Industrial Revolution” at 7:15 on April 19 in Wylie Hall at IU.

#### **Committee Reports – Indicator Committee**

Input on the indicators is needed from each Commission Member by no later than April 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Committee Reports – Education Committee**

The inaugural education forum will be held on Monday, April 24 at the MCPL Auditorium at 7:00pm. The topic is “What is Sustainability?” Cairril Mills will give the Sustainability 101 presentation which will be followed by a facilitated panel Q&A and audience discussion on the topic. Bob Bent submitted a guest editorial to the HT on sustainability. The speaker’s bureau has been divided into two parts. The BCOS speaker’s bureau is composed only of BCOS members and the Community Resource speaker’s bureau is composed of community members who have expertise in a certain topic area. Each of the members of the Community Resource bureau will go through a selection process and will have a disclaimer that they do not necessarily represent the beliefs and ideas of the BCOS at the beginning of their presentation.

Bob Bent moved to approve the education committee speaker’s bureau proposal and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

#### **Committee Reports – Initiatives Committee**

The Initiatives Committee met on March 30<sup>th</sup> and several members of the public were in attendance. The committee created a Call for Sustainable Ideas proposal in hopes to collect ideas about sustainability projects for Bloomington from the community.

John Hamilton motioned to approve the Initiatives Committee proposal for sustainable ideas and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

The call for sustainable ideas will be begin promotion during Earth Week with proposals being due by June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006.

#### **Old Business**

The Committees will eventually establish charters and bylaws.

#### **New Business**

There was no new business to report

#### **Staff Report**

Danise Alano announced the Business Expo is taking place at the Bloomington Convention Center on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The City of Bloomington has established a Green Team to address sustainability and conservation issues at City Hall. The interns have created a document to be passed out on Earth Day regarding what individuals can do to curb green house gas emissions. This document was created to help promote the signing

of the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement. It was also noted that Kären Sullivan will no longer be working in an official capacity for the Commission beginning in May and the Commission thanked her for her service for the past year.

**Sustainability 101 Presentation**

The meeting ended with Cairill Mills giving the Sustainability 101 presentation that she will give at the Forum on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please send comments about the presentation to her via email by April 14.

Catherine Stafford motioned to approve the presentation after incorporation of the Commissions feedback. John West seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to approve it.

**Meeting Adjourned**

John Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kären Sullivan, Intern, OOTM, Bloomington Commission on Sustainability  
April 18, 2006